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SUBJECT: US/TRINIDAD CIVAIR RELATIONS

1. US CIVAIR OFFICIALS WILL BE IN BRIDGETOWN JULY 23-26 FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH BARBADOS AND, SUBJECT GUYANA CONFIRMATION IN GEORGETOWN JULY 28-30 FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH GUYANA. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THEM TO STOP BY PORT OF SPAIN TO REVIEW INFORMALLY WITH MINISTER MAHABIR AND BWIA GENERAL MANAGER SCOON US-TRINIDAD CIVAIR RELATIONS AS FOLLOW-UP ON MAHABIR'S TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN MAY. FYI: WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR NEW PROPOSALS TO ADVANCE, BUT BELIEVE VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL AS EVIDENCE OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN MATTER AND MIGHT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY CLEAR UP MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH MAHABIR HAS IN PAST EVIDENCED. END FYI.

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2. OFFICIALS ARE MICHAEL H. STYLES, CHIEF, EB/AN, STATE,

AND DONALD LITTON, CHIEF, WESTERN HEMISPHERE, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, CAB, BOTH OF WHOM PARTICIPATED IN MAY TALKS WITH MAHABIR.

3. IF TALKS IN GEORGETOWN ARE CONFIRMED, OFFICIALS WOULD ARRIVE PORT OF SPAIN. SURINAM AIRWAYS 974 AT 1135 JULY 31 AND BE AVAILABLE THAT AFTERNOON FOR DISCUSSIONS, RETURNING AUGUST 1 TO WASHINGTON. IF TALKS IN GEORGETOWN NOT HELD,

OFFICIALS WOULD COME FROM BRIDGETOWN OVER WEEKEND AND BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS JULY 29.

4. IF EMBASSY CONCURS VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL, PLEASE CHECK AVAILABILITY MAHABIR AND/OR SCOON FOR JULY 29 AND AFTERNOON JULY 31. SUGGEST YOU NOT VOLUNTEER THAT TEAM IS NEGOTIATING IN BRIDGETOWN, IN VIEW GOTT SENSITIVITY OVER OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH BARBADOS, BUT SAY US CIVIL AIR OFFICIALS EXPECT BE IN TRINIDAD JULY 29 OR 31, DEPENDING ON TIMING OF VISIT TO GEORGETOWN.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE BY JULY 22 IF POSSIBLE.

6. IN ANTICIPATION OF CONFIRMATION VISIT JULY 31, PLEASE RESERVE SINGLES FOR STYLES AND LITTON, PLUS NATHANIEL WILSON WHO ACCOMPANYING TO GEORGETOWN, BUT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION WITH GOTT, AT TRINIDAD HILTON NIGHTS OF JULY 27 AND JULY 31. INGERSOLL

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